

REMARKS

In view of the fact that the amendment should not raise any new issue or new matter questions, and should not require any further search or consideration by the Examiner, the amendment is properly entered after Final Rejection. Therefore, the Appeal Brief which will be submitted after the filing of this amendment will include claim 3 as amended herein in the Appendix.

In particular, the Examiner is reminded that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.33(a) amendments filed after the date of filing an appeal and prior to the date a brief is filed may be admitted as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Moreover, 37 C.F.R. 1.116((b)(2) provides that after a final rejection an amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted. Therefore, entry of the amendment should be permitted to at least permit the claims to be in better form for consideration on appeal by permitting correction of an error of a typographical nature that was noted upon preparation of the Appeal Brief. Thus, claim 3, line 6, includes an error of a typographical nature by reciting "and or" instead of "and/or".

Accordingly, entry of the amendment is deemed appropriate, and is respectfully requested.

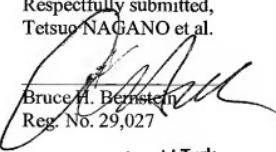
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the finally rejected claims is respectfully requested, with allowance of each of these claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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